

Revised Blueprint for Progress

Regional
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District

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The 2007 revised **Blueprint for Progress** is a draft plan that proposes investments in highways, bridges and roadways in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. The proposed projects will reduce congestion and ease chokepoints—today and in the future—in the Puget Sound region's most heavily traveled corridors.

The Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) is developing the road-investment plan in cooperation with Sound Transit, which is crafting a plan to expand the regional transit system.

The agencies' combined Roads & Transit package will be the first-ever plan presented to voters that is a unified program of investments in highways, light- and commuter-rail, HOV lanes, park/ride lots, and express and local bus service.

RTID and Sound Transit leaders are making sure the proposed investments work together for everyone—whether they drive a car or truck or take transit. The Roads & Transit package will go before voters in the three-county region in November 2007.

RTID's Guiding Principles

- Improve safety and reduce congestion chokepoints;
- Add to existing investments in key highway corridors;
- Integrate with Sound Transit mass transit investments to improve mobility for citizens with both roads and transit;
- Make investments throughout the three-county region, so that every area benefits;
- Maximize financial resources by prioritizing investments in critical corridors;
- Keep the Roads & Transit package affordable.

Funding

The capital investments funded in the *Blueprint* would cost approximately \$6.7 billion (2006 dollars). Every dollar raised in each county would stay in that county.

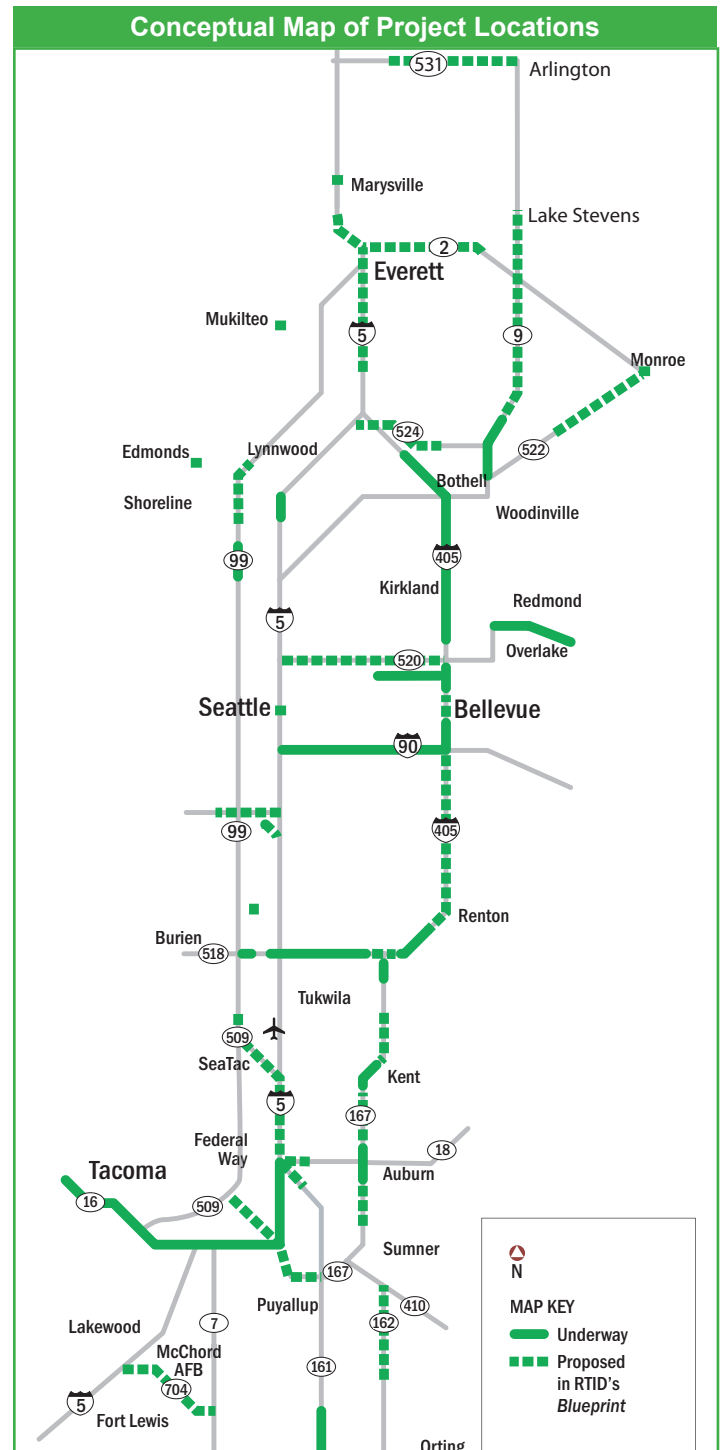
Investments would be funded by two sources:

- ▶ .1 percent local sales and use tax, which is 1¢ on every \$10 purchase;
- ▶ Excise tax of \$80 on every \$10,000 of value of a vehicle.

These funds would be generated within the RTID district only. For more information go to www.rtid.org.

Next Steps

- February-March 30: RTID and Sound Transit gather public input on the proposed Roads & Transit projects
- April:
 - Sound Transit Board adopts final Sound Transit 2 plan
 - RTID adopts final *Blueprint*
- June-July:
 - County Councils adopt *Blueprint*, place on ballot
 - Sound Transit Board confirms ballot title
- August: Ballot title(s) filed with county elections offices
- November 6: Roads & Transit package on ballot



Highlights of Proposed Regional Road Investments

The following are the major transportation improvement projects proposed in the draft *Blueprint for Progress* adopted by the RTID executive committee on January 26, 2007. All major RTID investments are on WSDOT state highways and bridges. For a copy of the draft *Blueprint*, which includes descriptions of all projects proposed for the 2007 ballot, please visit www.rtid.org/blueprint.

Snohomish County

US 2 Trestle & Monroe Bypass: Alleviates chokepoints on the trestle and completes first phase of the Monroe bypass.

SR 9: Widens SR 9 to Lake Stevens, and improves interchanges.

I-5 Corridor Improvements: Fixes key interchange chokepoints at US 2, 128th St SW, Everett Mall Way, 100 St SE, 116th St NE, 88th St NE, South Broadway and at SR 524 and SR 531.

SR 522: Completes the missing link for a four-lane, median divided highway between I-405 and Monroe, including a new interchange at Paradise Lake Road, which will improve mobility and safety on this important state highway corridor.

SR 531: Extends to Arlington/SR 9.

Other key east/west and north/south road and transit improvements.

King County

SR 167 Green River Valley: Completes HOV lanes on the south King County section of SR 167, adds new lanes between Sumner and Renton, fixes chokepoints.

I-405 expansion from Bellevue to Renton: Provides additional lanes in each direction from SR 169 (Maple Valley Highway) to I-90 to eliminate one of the most significant chokepoints in the region.

I-405 and SR 167 Interchange: Builds a direct connection between HOV lanes on I-405 and SR 167 to address the most congested interchange in the state.

I-5 and SR 509: Extends SR 509 to directly connect with I-5 to improve freight mobility, reduce Southcenter Hill traffic jams and create new south access to Sea-Tac Airport.

I-5 and SR 18: Reconstructs this Federal Way interchange by adding merge/exit lanes on I-5 and realigning SR 18—helping to relieve back-ups at one of the most congested chokepoints in the state.

SR 520 Bridge replacement: Provides regional funds toward replacing the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge with six lanes, including two HOV lanes.

Seattle Mobility and I-5 Chokepoint Improvements: Replaces the I-5 Spokane St. Viaduct and Lander St. overpass, improves the I-5/Mercer Street connection, builds a direct access ramp from I-5 to the Industrial Way/South Bus Way and replaces the earthquake-vulnerable South Park bridge.

Pierce County

SR 167 extension: Completes SR 167 from Puyallup to the Port of Tacoma. Improves SR 161 in Puyallup to help relieve congestion for commuters, truckers and shippers.

SR 162: Adds capacity to SR 162 in the vicinity of Sumner and Orting to ease congestion in this fast growing area of Pierce County.

SR 704 and I-5 (Cross Base Highway): Provides a critical east-west corridor link between I-5 and SR 7 passing through Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base.

I-5 and 38th St. Interchange: Provides direct access ramp on southbound I-5 near Tacoma Mall.

Roads & Transit

RTID is working closely with Sound Transit to plan an integrated set of highway, bridge and transit improvements. The agencies' common goal is to better manage the Puget Sound region's traffic and improve the quality of life for all residents—whether they drive a car or truck or take transit.

The integrated proposal—called Roads & Transit—will be presented to voters in November 2007.

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